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1. The Kolberg light artillery regiment in Biala (Q 50/X 88) was assigned to the Pomeranian Inf Div in Krakow (Q 51/Z 24), which in turn was under the DOW headquarters, Krakow. (1)
2. The regiment was quartered in the old Artillery Barracks, Biala-Lessocyny, located in the area between the road to Zywiec (Q 50/X 96) and the Biala River. The barracks consist of 3-story brick buildings and garages which are converted stables. The barracks was not occupied to capacity.
3. The regiment consisted of the regimental headquarters, the regimental headquarters units, including a headquarters battery and a training battery, and three battalions of three batteries each. (2)
4. The 1st Btry was made up of the headquarters platoon and two 2-gun platoons. It had 5 officers, about 15 NCOs and 42 M.
5. Lieutenant Colonel Radoloprzy, about 48 years of age, was regimental commander, and Senior Lieutenant Dr. Zabicki, regimental physician. Captain Sladek, commanded the 1 Bn and Senior Lieutenant Coloniowski, a Communist, the 1st Btry.
6. The enlisted personnel of the regiment belonged to the 1927 and 1928 classes.
7. The guns of the 1st Btry had 2 to 3-meter long barrels with muzzle brakes and rubber-tired spokeless wheels. (3) The regiment also had some heavy mortars mounted on carriages with pneumatic tires. (4)
8. Deserter was unable to give detailed data as he was with the regiment for only a short period of basic training prior to 7 April 1950, when he deserted.
9. The regiment was motorized. Most of the motor vehicles were American make. (5)

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10. The Biala-Leszczyn barracks were occupied by Polish troops on 20 May 1950.

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Comments.

- 25X1A (1) The 23rd Kolberg Light Artillery Regt of the Krakow 6th Inf Div. It
25X1A was last identified in Biala during the Summer of 1949.
- (2) The statement that the regiment is organized into three battalions agrees with known facts.
- (3) Probably Soviet 76-mm field guns ZIS-3, model 1942.
- (4) Probably Soviet 120-mm mortars, model 1938. The report is the first to state that the equipment of a Polish artillery regiment includes mortars. See Annex for Standard Manpower Questionnaire.
- (5) Most of the division artillery regiments are known to be motorized.

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